Occupation of the police quarters at Charmadi by the Puttur Taluk Board.

*1164 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what amounts were spent for the police station and constables' quarters at Charmadi in South Kanara, and in what year or years they were built;

(b) since what date they have discontinued to be in use;

(c) what amounts, if any, have been spent since then for their watch or repairs;

(d) whether they are used for any other purposes;

(e) whether it is a fact that they are going to ruin;

(f) whether any request was made by the Puttur Taluk Board to permit the station to be used for Local Board Elementary school, which has no proper habitation of its own;

(g) whether it is a fact that the request has been refused; and if so, for what reasons; and

(h) whether Government propose to reconsider the matter and permit the taluk board to use it for the school purposes, on condition that they should vacate it in case Government require it for their purposes; and if not, why not?

A.—(a) The police station and constables' huts were constructed in 1917 at a cost of Rs. 3,238 and Rs. 6,064 respectively.

(b) In the re-allocation which was given effect to from 15th April 1926 the police station at Charmadi was abolished, but the station house and the police lines were retained for the use of the police staff engaged for temporary beat work during the coffee season.

(c) For repairs—

		RS.	A.	P.
(1) Station building	... ...	41	13	6
(2) Constables' huts	... ...	71	0	0
Amount spent on the watcher	...	8	11	0

(d) No.

(e) No.

(f) Yes.

(g) Yes, for the reason stated in answer to clause (b).

(h) The matter is under consideration.

Madras Record Office

Transfer of Persian records in the Madras Record office to the present building.

*1165-A Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) when the Persian records in the Madras Record office were transferred to the present building;

(b) what steps were taken by Mr. Dodwell to arrange them, catalogue them and otherwise make them available to scholars;

(c) who was assisting Mr. Dodwell in this connexion;

(d) what progress has been made during and after Mr. Dodwell's time; and